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Whenever there is stillness there is the still small voice, God's speaking from the whirlwind, nature's old song, and dance...

-Annie Dillard

This booklet is a continuation of my first two books and although it is not meant to entertain you, there are many books with far more words to do that. My hope is that this book brings things up in you and inspires you to return to the simplicity of life and the fullness and joy that is available every single moment of your life.

I hope this book, which has a lot of advice, will guide you to a place of stillness and to the wisdom that is pertinent to you that comes to you from that stillness.

And above all, I hope these words help you in your day-to-day life, I hope it pulls clarity from chaos and I hope it leads you to discover your own inherent wisdom that can lead you to the happiness and peace you seek.

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Sit, be still.

The answer will come, if not.

Sit, be still.

The words you need to hear come not from you seeking them, but from the gaps and the space that you create when you simply breathe, rest and be still.

Meditate, find stillness.

Then, let the world around you inspire you.

Then, let the world around you spark the fire of creation.

The purest love is just simply there.

The highest quality arises by itself.

The deepest truth is here for the taking.

The highest wisdom rests in stillness.

Try to just simply be nothing; be no thing.

Try to simply see that you are no thing and reside inside yourself.

Reside in the simple. See and sense that the simple is very complex, see it as containing all things and retire to the simple.

Live in the simple and just be.

Peace doesn't come from having or getting.

But, from being. Just being.

The world isn't perfect. Life isn't perfect. No one is perfect.

Try to stop trying to be. And just be.

It all just is. It's all just here. It's all perfect and just simply here.

Beautifully.

Beauty is never lost. Only covered by a fear of living.

Fear can only cover beauty, not eradicate it.

Just breathe, just be and the beauty within and around you, will find you.

Shapeless and peering, out of everything beauty shines.

Waiting for acknowledgement it silently resides.

Letting it speak to you, it fills you. Letting it have its way with everything, you are it. What is, is because it cannot be any different, you cannot be any different.

You are as you are.

It's simple and full and it is all here for you.

Simply be you.

Drop the role.

Drop the script and be.

Relax fully, live and be you.

Beautifully.

What is here, now, within you is beautiful.

Soften to life.
Soften to how you feel.
Soften to what lies within.
Soften, dissolve and let it all go.
Soften to all that you've

held rigid.

What doesn't go, what doesn't dissolve, is you. That which is unable to be dissolvable by you, is you, is yourself.

Soften and discover yourself again and again.

Discover your radiant warm soft wholeness again and again.

Be gentle.

Be gentle with yourself; life isn't easy.

Be gentle with others; we all suffer.

Be gentle with your thoughts and feelings; they only seek your attention.

Be gentle with your body; it is your vehicle through the harshness.

Be gentle with Love and Life and seek their source within you. When life burns and stings; be gentle.
When life is hollow and dark; be gentle.

Try to remember that:

It's ok to feel what you feel.

It's ok to feel sad.

It's ok to feel mad.

It's ok to feel angry.

It's ok to feel happy.

It's ok to feel embarrassed.

It's ok to feel anxious.

It's ok to feel nervous.

It's ok to feel stressed.

It's ok to feel alive.

Life brings about many feelings and they are all ok.

You can.

It's ok.
They all are just simply ok.

Wrap love around everyone and everything.

Wrap love around all things, like you would a blanket on a small sleeping child, or a shivering dog that has just come in from the cold night.

Wrap love around it all.

Hold yourself, your thoughts and your feelings in your loving embrace.

Give yourself love. Give love to yourself.

This you can do.
This is in your power to do.

Even if no one else has given it to you or shown it to you.

This you can do.

Pay attention to yourself. Do what brings you joy and harmony.

Love yourself and keep loving yourself.

Love yourself, like no-one is watching.

Don't think, just love.

Soften and open yourself to love.

Love is everywhere if you are open to it and nowhere if you close yourself off.

Love the obstacles in your life.

Love the roadblocks on your path and simply bring love to what is holding you back.

Choose love over all. Over sadness, over anger, over frustration, over jealously, over being right.

And to choose love is not to push these things away, but to feel these things fully, to investigate them fully and to learn what they are here to teach.

Feel.
Feelings are the language of life.

If you wish to get to know the joyful boundless adventurer life: Feel.

Feel.
Surrender.
Let yourself grieve.
And let yourself heal.

Allow yourself to grieve for what could've been. Allow yourself to be how you are now. Allow the warmth to flow and let go.

Surrender takes the mind further.

Love takes the heart deeper.

To realize deeply, you first must feel deeply.

If you wish to be clean; embrace the dirt.

Simply surrender and the miraculous will unfold.

Simply surrender and pull beauty towards you.

There is a part of you that is forever out of your control, yet guiding you and nurturing you.

Surrender to that.

That part lives you and resides in your heart.

Surrender to that.

Keep going. Keep pushing. Even if it doesn't make sense.

This journey, doesn't make sense all the time and that's ok.

This, this trip; is beyond sense and non-sense.

Just keep going.

Keep going, even if the road is blocked, full of holes or paved with quicksand.

Keep going.

That which doesn't kill you doesn't make you stronger, you simply adapt to it and go forward.

It is healing that which doesn't kill you that makes you stronger.

Live day to day, moment to moment, breath to breath and measure progress year to year, month to month and week to week. All streams return to the one true source of water. The return is inevitable.

We too, return.
We are all pushed to return.
The return is inevitable.

Seeing this clearly is freedom. Freedom from the illusion that we are fixed.

We are fluid.

The most powerful prison has no physical walls.

What you believe to be your greatest weakness will lead you to your true strength.

There is more than this. And it all lies within you.

The source of life is in you.

Honor it.

Respect it.

Let it guide you.

All things will come and go, watch them, tend to them.

There is no wonderland, no ideal place, no better place and no worse place: just this.

All comes. All goes.

This alone stays.

This is all you need to know:

There is nothing anyone or anything can give you that you cannot find within yourself because you are the source, it all comes from within you.

You are a fragment of the whole, but you contain the whole.

Feel, sense and honor that.

Superstitions cannot tame you. Let the mirror break and the cat cross, there is no bad luck, only growth, flowing perfection and an endless desire to push further.

Nothing is yours, but you lack nothing.

You are everything. Trust in this and simply let go. The world, life, this, isn't here to make you comfortable or happy; it is here for your growth and for you to go further.

The key to happiness, the key to peace, is to find the support, comfort and security that underlies that growth.

Expansion and growth, decay and chaos. This is moving forward.

It's always moving forward.

Soften to the chaos.

The Earth doesn't cling to one season, it lets them come and go naturally.

Allow your life to be this way.

To reach the stars you have to leave Earth.

To get to greatness you have to be brave, bold and leave the familiar and comfortable behind.

May kindness bless you
May calmness guide you
May pain heal you
And
May love fill you.

Take care and much Love,

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